

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-20 (Cancel without prejudice).

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21. (New) An absorbent paper product comprising at least two superposed plies of a format with edges, a peripheral zone along said edges, and a central zone enclosed by said peripheral zone, wherein said plies are joined together by marking patterns without glue at least along a segment of said peripheral zone, and wherein at least one of said at least two superposed plies has an embossing pattern in said central zone.

22. (New) Product as claimed in claim 21, wherein each of the at least two plies has embossing patterns in the central zone thereof.

23. (New) Product as claimed in claim 22, wherein the embossing patterns in the central zone are the same or different.

24. (New) Product as claimed in claim 21, wherein narrowest parts of the embossing patterns point inwardly between said at least two plies.

25. (New) Product as claimed in claim 21, wherein at least one of the at least two plies has marking patterns solely in the peripheral zone.

26. (New) Product as claimed in claim 21, wherein in said peripheral zone, at least one of the at least two plies

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has marking patterns at least partly the same as the  
embossing patterns.

27. (New) Product as claimed in claim 25 or claim 26,  
wherein the marking patterns constitute filigrees.

28. (New) Product as claimed in claim 21, wherein the  
central zone includes filigree marking patterns.

29. (New) Product as claimed in claim 21, wherein the  
at least two plies are joined to each other by embossing the  
central zone of each ply.

30. (New) Product as claimed in claim 21, wherein the  
central zone of one ply has a decoration including embossed  
and unembossed portions.

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